

Washington County Heritage Fair Entry Guidelines

Categories

- 1. Family History: Family History consists of projects related to a person's genealogy or family background.** These projects can include pedigree or family charts, research on an ancestor's life, war stories, or other items of interest. These projects can also include oral histories with family members such as grandma and/or grandpa. *Poster displays for this category should withhold information from living persons such as birth dates, as some of this information is considered private.*
- 2. Local History: Local History consists of projects that relate to historical events and time periods within Washington County's vast history.** These projects can include displays on monuments, organizations, people, events, and time periods. *Examples of these projects could be a display on John Sevier, Jacob Brown, Mary Hardin McCown, Fort Watauga, Battle of Franklin, and even what did women wear in the early 1900s in Washington County.* These projects give insight into what our communal, societal, and regional history was like, and put together can create a timeline effect.
- 3. Preservation/Conservation Projects: Preservation/Conservation Projects consist of projects that relate to preservation and/or conservation efforts of heritage sites, cultural places, and communal spaces that preserve historical and cultural integrity.** For example, tombstone tourism is a growing field in America. The Heritage Alliance preserves the Old Jonesborough Cemetery through funds from a play called A Spot on the Hill, where ghosts from the past tell their stories to audiences once a year. Other projects can include historical sites including the Model Mill Project or the John Sevier Hotel. Downtown growth through preservation or even past events such as DAR markers. *Questions that could be answered are How has/will this project affect our cultural identity? Will tourists or residents be the focus of the project? What history does this site have? and do you feel this site is a relevant project for future generations?*

Eligibility

Any 5th through 8th grader within Washington County can enter the competition in one of the above three categories. If any question of which category a project would fit, please fill free to send the Jonesborough Genealogical Society an email at info@jgstn.org or contact Chad Bailey at (423) 791-8295. If any student needs help with a project, please also reach out. The Society provides many resources at the Washington County-Jonesborough Library and also in the possession of our society members' private collections. If a student cannot afford a tri-fold poster board, the society can provide one through donations. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Guidelines

1. Students must come up with a topic, question, or idea for their project that fits one of the above categories and is within in the bounds of the local community, county, or region history or family heritage, and **submit their entry form to the JGS by Friday, March 1st**. Teachers, Educational Assistants and parents are welcome to assist with student projects, but the emphasis must remain on student learning and understanding. Students should formulate their own topics and research questions and each project must contain some independent research conducted by the student.
2. Students must research their topic, question, or idea and provide source listing for where they found information on their tri-fold poster board.
3. Effective research skills and a good source listing of both first and secondary sources combined with creativity and “thinking outside of the box” in presenting their project, question, or idea on their tri-fold poster board will provide for an outstanding project. Include title, credits, and typed source listing: Photographs from books or other materials, not taken by student, should be properly credited.
4. Projects are strongly encouraged to be individually completed, not in teams or groups.
5. Each participant is expected to be able to talk about his/her project when asked by a judge(s) or community member who may be looking at these projects.
6. Each project must be clearly labeled with student's name, school, and grade in the bottom right corner of the display.
7. We do not recommend the use of items that are irreplaceable or of family value or dangerous artifacts be brought to the Visitors Center. *Please keep in mind your school's safety rules and policies.*

If at any time a topic, question, or idea is in question or need further advice, please contact the society at info@jgstn.org or Chad Bailey at (423) 791-8295, for further assistance.

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Name of Student: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Topic, Question, or Idea: _____

Category (please circle): 1. FAMILY HISTORY 2. LOCAL HISTORY

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